

Please delete the paragraph on page 26, line 33 to page 27, line and replace it with the following paragraph:

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REMARKS

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number

100564-09039, along with any other fees which may be required with respect to this application.

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Enclosure: Marked-Up Copy of Specification

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Marked up version of the paragraph starting at page 9, lines 1-10 is below:

Figure 1 shows the homology between the amino acid sequences **(SEQ ID NOS 1-13, respectively, in order of appearance)** from yeast and humans coding for the active subunits of the proteasome; the β 1/PRE3, β 2/PUP1, β 5/PRE2 subfamilies are indicated by the yellow, green and blue colour respectively; the residues of the S1 pocket which influence the specificity changes of the PRE3 subfamily after substitution of the human subunit Y by LMP2 after cytokine induction are shown in brown;

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